

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) An ointment external preparation for wounds for use in treatment of skin damages, comprising
 - a water-soluble polymer in an uncross-linked state of 2 % or more based on the weight of the preparation,
 - a crosslinking agent in an amount of from 0.01% to 20% based on the weight of the preparation,
 - a bactericidal agent in an amount of from 0.1% to 10% based on the weight of the preparation, and
 - a fluidization agent,wherein the moisture content of the preparation is 3% or less based on the weight of the preparation,
 - the water-soluble polymer has carboxylic group or sulfonic acid group in its structure, and
 - the water-soluble polymer in the preparation is in sol state before use, and then the water-soluble polymer simultaneously shows phase transition to gel after the preparation absorbs exudation in a wounded area of the skin, and
 - the crosslinking agent is a polyvalent metal salt having sufficient solubility to the exudation.
2. (Previously presented) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the content of the water-soluble polymer is 5% or more based on the weight of the preparation.
- 3-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble polymer is sodium polyacrylate.

7. (Currently amended) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~crosslinking agent~~ polyvalent metal salt is aluminum-containing crosslinking agent.

8-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The preparation according to Claim 1, further comprising sugars in an amount of from 5% to 70% based on the weight of the preparation.

11-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the fluidization agent is ~~maerogel~~ polyethylene glycol.

14. (Previously presented) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the bactericidal agent is povidone iodine or iodine.

15. (Currently amended) An ointment external preparation for wounds for use in treatment of skin damages, comprising

a sodium polyacrylate in an uncross-linked state of 2% or more based on the weight of the preparation,

an aluminum-containing crosslinking agent in an amount of from 0.01% to 20% based on the weight of the preparation,

an iodine in an amount of from 0.1% to 10% based on the weight of the preparation, and ~~maerogel~~ polyethylene glycol,

wherein the moisture content of the preparation is 3% or less based on the weight of the preparation.